32. (original) A mobile station (MS) comprising:

a transmitter;

a receiver; and

a processor, coupled to the transmitter and the receiver,

adapted to determine that at least one condition from the group consisting of a low mobility condition and an active user messaging condition is present for the MS; and

adapted to transition, as triggered by the presence of the at least one condition, to at least one operational mode in which paging-related delays for the MS are reduced.

33. (original) The MS of claim 32, wherein the at least one operational mode comprises MS modes from the group consisting of a semi-dormant mode, an unslotted mode, and a reduced slot cycle index (RSCI) mode, wherein the MS performs periodic location updates in the semi-dormant mode.

34. (original) The MS of claim 32, wherein the low mobility condition is present for the MS when an idle handoff rate of the MS is less than or equal to an idle handoff rate threshold.

35. (original) The MS of claim 32, wherein the active user messaging condition is present when the MS has recently been involved in sending or receiving user messaging.

36. (original) The MS of claim 32, wherein the active user messaging condition is present when the MS becomes newly available to a group of associated communication devices, wherein each of the group of associated communication devices is related to the MS as a messaging buddy.

37. (original) The MS of claim 32, wherein the active user messaging condition is present after the MS receives, via the receiver, a recent read notification for messaging

associated with the MS, wherein the read notification indicates that another user has accessed the messaging associated with the MS.

38. (original) The MS of claim 32, wherein the processor is further adapted to exit, the at least one operational mode in which paging-related delays for the MS are reduced, when remaining battery life for the MS falls below a power saving threshold.

39. (original) The MS of claim 32, wherein transitioning comprises:

requesting, via the transmitter, approval for an operational mode change from a radio access network (RAN); and

receiving, via the receiver, an indication that the RAN approves the operational mode change.